(c) the number of girls receiving education from each school/college; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (d) No Government military schools/colleges for women are being run in the country at present.

Assets of members of Defence Procurement Board

3396. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1259 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to keep record of assets of the members of the proposed Defence Procurement Board during and after their tenure for buying military equipment on global tenders;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) All officers of the Government of India are required to furnish a report of any transaction relating to moveable and immoveable property under All India Services (Conduct) Rules 1968 and Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964. At the time of entry into the service an official is required to submit report relating to any immoveable property owned by him. Subsequently all Gazetted Officers of the Government of India, in accordance with the existing instructions, are required to render an annual property return which is maintained and scrutinised by the concerned Cadre Controlling Authority.

Criteria for Relief Assistance to Kargil Martyrs

3397. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the procedure and criteria under which relief assistance is provided to the families of defence forces personnels injured and killed in Kargil war;

(b) whether loss of valuable lives of defence personnels during Kargil war was termed as National Loss;

(c) the amount collected from different sources in the country and abroad indicating the amount received from MP Local Area Development Scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU):

(a) to (d) I. *Benefits given by the Government to the families of Kargil casualties and disabled soldiers:*

The widows/Next of Kin of the Armed Forces Personnel killed in Kargil Operation have been paid an ex-gratia amount of Rs. 10 lakhs each. They have been sanctioned liberalized family pension equal to the last pay drawn by the deceased personnel and have been granted Death-cum-retirement gratuity as admissible under the rules after completion of necessary documentation.

Soldiers disabled in Kargil Operations and invalided out are entitled to War Injury Pension consisting of service element and war injury element as under:

(i) Service Element—equal to retiring/service pension to which the individual would have been entitled on the basis of his/her pay on the date of invalidment but counting service upto the date on which he/she would have retired in that rank in the normal course including weitage as admissible. There is no condition of minimum qualifying service for earning this element.

(ii) War Injury Element—Euqal to reckonable emoluments last drawn for 100% disablement. However, in no case the aggregate of service element and war injury element is to exceed last pay drawn. For lower percentage, war injury pension is proportionately reduced.

On the recommendation of the Medical Board, disabled soldiers are paid Constant. Attendance Allowance (CAA) @ Rs. 600/- p.m. for 100% disablement.

Armed Forces Personnel who are retained in service despite disability have an option either to (a) draw lump sum compensation in lieu of war injury element foregoing war injury element at the time of subsequent retirement/discharge or (b) to draw war injury element at the time of retirement in addition to retiring/service pension admissible on retirement/discharge.

II. *Benefits given from National Defence Fund:*

The families of the soldiers killed and soldiers invalided out due to injuries sustained in Kargil Operaiton have been paid Rs. 5 lakhs for housing and Rs.1 lakh per child or Rs. 2 lakh per family for children education from the National Defence Fund.

The parents of the soldiers killed in Kargil Operation have been paid Rs. 2 lakhs from the National Defence Fund.

The soldiers disabled in Kargil War and invalided out of the service have also been paid Rs. 6 lakhs, Rs. 4.5 lakhs and Rs. 3 lakhs for disability of more than 75%, 50%-75% and less than 50% respectively from the National Defence Fund.

III. *Assistance paid from the Army Central Welfare Fund:*

The Army Central Welfare Fund extended financial benefits to the extent of Rs. 30,000/- to the families of soldiers killed in Kargil Operation. Soldiers disabled in Kargil Operation have been paid financial grant ranging from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 30,000/- depending upon the percentage of disability from the Army Central Welfare Fund.

IV. *Allotment of Oil Product Agencies:*

A special scheme for direct allotment of 500 oil product agencies to the next of kin of those killed in Kargil Operation was announced. Under this scheme 446 applications were received. Out of this, 382 Petrol Pumps/ LPG dealerships have been approved for allotment to widows/NOK of those killed in Kargil Operation. The remaining cases are in progress.

V. *Benefits paid by State Government:*

Various State Governments announced different benefit package/ rehabilitation schemes for the families of the soldiers killed/soldiers injured in action in Kargil.

VI. *Amount of donations received:*

An amount of Rs. 519 crores and Rs. 291 crores has been received in the National Defence Fund and Army Central Welfare Fund respectively during Kargil Operation. No amount has been received from MP Local Area Development Scheme.

The Government is neither aware nor responsible for the amount collected and its utilization by various State Governments and private organizations during the Kargil Operation.